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Pair Charged With Murder, Attempted Murder For Crime Spree in Whittier, La Mirada

Two suspected gang members were charged today for killing one man and wounding two others during a shooting spree over the weekend in southeastern Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alejandro Lazo (dob 3/9/96) and Reyna Gomez (dob 11/19/90) were each charged in case VA144673 with one count of murder, 14 counts of attempted murder and one count of carjacking. Gomez also was charged with one count of torture. Gun and gang allegations also were filed.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Chung of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On April 29, Lazo and Gomez are accused of a carjacking in Pico Rivera. The pair drove to Whittier where they allegedly shot and wounded a man in an alley. The defendants continued their shooting spree, opening fire on two vehicles and injuring one other person.

They then drove to La Mirada in the stolen vehicle where they stopped at an intersection and shot at several vehicles. One driver, 44-year-old Jose Ricardo Sahagun, was killed by the gunfire.

The defendants were later found nearby in another vehicle and were arrested.

Arraignment will be set for a later date. If convicted as charged, both defendants face a possible maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Whittier Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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